

Wilson Votes to Spur Economic Recovery, Innovation in Energy Technology Ohio's Sixth District Set to Receive \$1.3 Million in Funds

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, Congressman Charlie Wilson (OH-6) voted to boost job creation and provide real solutions to our energy and water quality needs with investments in new technologies, scientific research and conservation efforts. The Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act provides nearly \$1.3 million in funding to the Sixth District and builds on the investments in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to move toward American energy independence and rebuild our infrastructure.

In Ohio's Sixth District, Wilson secured \$250,000 for improvements to the City of Marietta's wastewater treatment plant. The plant currently serves an area of more than 14,500 people. The project will enhance the sewer treatment capabilities and capacities in Marietta, and allow the city to respond to the pressing needs of residential and industrial communities.

Additionally, Wilson, a consistent proponent of making the Ohio River a better, more reliable mode of transportation, secured \$448,000 for the Greenup Locks and Dam Extension Program. This Army Corps of Engineers program recognizes that the Ohio River is the main source of transport for coal and other supplies. The extension of the existing landward auxiliary lock chamber will eliminate delays that cost millions of dollars.

Wilson also secured \$600,000 for a hybrid power vehicles research project at Ohio University. The Hybrid Power Vehicles project at OU will help support the development of plug-in hybrid technology for the U.S. auto market, which will help create longer drive times on batteries.

"I'm proud to have secured nearly \$1.3 million in funding for my district," Wilson said. "We are creating jobs, spurring local economies, and working to meet the infrastructure, commercial, and transportation needs of Ohio's Sixth District."

"While we are making these excellent investments, we are also looking closely at every line of our budget to eliminate and cut programs that don't work," Wilson added. "This reduces our deficit spending and puts us on a path toward fiscal responsibility."